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BILATERAL EDUCATION SUMMIT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bilateral Education Summit was held between India and USA recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the main objectives of the said summit; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) and (b) The India-US Higher Education Dialogue was convened along with the India-US Strategic Dialogue at Washington DC on June 12, 2012. The Higher Education Dialogue was co-chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development and the US Secretary of State and was attended by a host of government officials, academics, industry leaders and heads of institutions from both sides.

(c) and (d) The main objectives of the Higher Education Dialogue were to promote strategic institutional partnerships for further strengthening and expansion of collaboration in the priority areas of higher education and research; to foster partnerships in the areas of vocational education and skills including partnerships for the establishment of community colleges; and to strengthen programmes for student and faculty enrichment. As an outcome of the Dialogue, the first batch of eight joint research awards have been announced under the Singh-Obama Knowledge Initiative and the second round of proposals have been invited. An International Seminar on Community Colleges was convened in New Delhi on February 6-7, 2013 with effective participation of US institutions. The first batch of Post Doctoral scholars from India aiming at faculty development has also been finalized by the University Grants Commission for placement in US institutions.